

[Translation]

World Bank assisted Projects

1230. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the location-wise details of the projects being run in Gujarat particularly in the tribal and backward rural areas with the assistance of World Bank;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat for setting up of some more such projects with the assistance of World Bank;

(c) if so, the number of projects pending for approval with the Union Government; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Integrated Watershed Development (Plains) Project being implemented with World Bank assistance covers 3 States including Gujarat and aims at watershed development in the Sabarkantha, Rajkot, Vadodara and Bharuch districts of Gujarat in addition there are centrally sponsored projects under implementation with World Bank assistance such as Vocational Training, National Aids Control and National Leprosy Elimination Project which are being implemented in Gujarat along with other States and cover the State's tribal and backward areas as well.

(b) Government have so far received one project from Government of Gujarat-The Gokul Grama Yojana - for an amount of US \$ 250 million, which has been forwarded to the World Bank on 15-11-1996. A State road project for Gujarat is under preparation for World Bank assistance.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Bank Loans in Bihar

1231. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans given by the Co-operative Banks/Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks during each of the last three years and in the current financial year till date in Bihar to the small and marginal farmers;

(b) whether any irregularity was noticed in sanctioning of loans;

(c) if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard;

(d) the total amount of loan recovered from them during the above period; and

(e) the steps being taken to ease the bank loan process for the farmers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the credit outstandings of State and District Central Co-operative banks, all Scheduled Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks for the last three years and the current financial year in Bihar was as follows :

(Rs. in Crores)

Period ended	All Scheduled Commercial Banks	State & District Cooperative	Regional Rural Banks
March 1994	4534.50	825.87	529.20
March 1995	5012.33	940.47	605.13
March 1996	5731.59	N.A.	637.23
June 1996	5678.05	N.A.	638.89

The total loans outstanding of all Scheduled Commercial Banks to the small and marginal farmers in Bihar during the year ended June 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 (latest available), as reported by RBI, is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year ended	Bihar
June 1991	304.18
June 1992	350.72
June 1993	353.83
June 1994	336.00

(b) and (c). National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) had constituted a Committee to examine, inter-alia, the irregularities in sanction of loans under IRDP. Pursuant to the report of the committee, the SLBC has decided that controlling heads/Regional Managers/Zonal Managers should visit branches on a regular basis to rectify irregularities in sanction and disbursement of loans and the action taken by banks will be thoroughly discussed in SLBC meetings.

(d) The data reporting system of RBI does not generate the information in the manner asked for. However, NABARD has reported that the position of recovery of loans in percentage terms in Bihar State, at the end of the last three years is as under :-

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Commercial Banks	38.0	40.0	33.0
Regional Rural Banks	15.5	24.0	23.3
Bihar State Land Development Bank	14.4	43.6	32.8
Bihar State Cooperative Bank	12.4	17.9	19.3

(e) The following steps have been inter-alia taken by banks to ensure enhanced flow of credit to agricultural sector :

- (i) Extension of a flexible line of credit in the form of cash credit facility to ensure timely and adequate credit for sustaining agricultural production.
- (ii) Drawing up special agricultural credit plans by public sector banks with a view to achieve a distinct and marked improvement in the flow of credit to agriculture during the financial year. Governor, RBI in a meeting held recently, has advised public sector banks to increase their disbursements under special agricultural credit plans by 25% over the last year's disbursements.

Supply of Coal to U.P.

1232. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of coal demanded by the various industries/sectors of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years and the quantum of coal supplied by the Union Government against their demand; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Union Government to supply coal to these industries, sectors of Uttar Pradesh as per their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b). The requirement of coal are assessed industry/sector-wise for the whole country. They are not assessed State-wise. Coal companies are supplying coal based on the programmes submitted by the consumers in accordance with sponsorships issued by the respective sponsoring authorities and to the extent of their entitlement. Coal supply to power and cement industries are made based on short-term linkages established by the Standing Linkage Committee (SLC) to these sectors.

The overall despatches of coal to core and non-core sector consumers of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under :

(Provisional)

Year	Quantity
1993-94	35.682 Million Tonnes
1994-95	35.834 Million Tonnes
1995-96	40.870 Million Tonnes

Coal companies are endeavouring to meet the requirements of coal of all consumers in the country including that in Uttar Pradesh by increasing production of coal. In addition, coal from a number of collieries is being offered under the Liberalised Sale Scheme. Under

this scheme coal is supplied without the requirements of linkages/sponsorships.

[English]

Units of KVIC in Maharashtra

1233. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Units set up in Maharashtra under Khadi and Villages Industries Commission (KVIC) during the last three years and financial assistance provided to them;

(b) the details of progress made under the schemes in rural industrialisation and provision of employment to rural youth in the above state;

(c) the details of programme envisaged under KVIC during the current financial year and facilities/incentives proposed to be provided and targets set for Maharashtra for the current year; and

(d) the details of changes proposed in the ongoing schemes and the new schemes proposal to be introduced in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Details of number of units set up and the financial assistance provided by KVIC in Maharashtra during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of Units	Amount of Assistance	
		Grant	Loan
1993-94	43450	141.39	514.94
1994-95	46290	364.93	437.02
1995-96	46596	327.23	958.60

(Units include registered institutions, cooperative societies and individuals)

Apart from the funds disbursed by KVIC for implementation of normal, programme in Maharashtra, the following funds have also been availed of by the implementing agencies in Maharashtra under interest subsidy scheme.

Funds Availed Through Institutional Finance

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Khadi	V.I.	Total
1993-94	209.07	2709.77	2918.84
1994-95	209.07	2709.77	2918.94
1995-96	183.19	3088.84	3272.03

Under District Special Employment Programme, amount of Rs. 4.72 lakhs has been released for implementation of KVI programme in Chandrapur district.